

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
TOWN OF TREMPPEALEAU
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**MINUTES OF THE 11/14/2013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Ken Farley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

Open meeting certification laws were met. David Prondzinski moved to adopt the agenda, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments. Dan Terek spoke regarding the corn cannons and the change in attorneys/court date. Dan reiterated the concerns of the residents and reported that the corn cannons had been shut off that day.

Sonja Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer reported a balance as of October 31, 2013 of \$89,222.47 in checking and \$194,851.72 in the regular money market account, \$150,000.00 in the contingency money market account, \$54,600.00 in the equipment money market account and \$2,000.00 in the health savings money market account for a total of \$490,674.19.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 regular meeting. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried with a voice vote.

The Board reviewed the vouchers from October 11, 2013 through November 14, 2013. David Prondzinski moved to pay all bills, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

Bill Hunter's request for abandonment of a small portion of Hunter Lane was denied. Abandonment of the requested area would landlock the Kirkey property. A discussion was held regarding the improvements to be made on the town road in the future.

No one from Stanislawski Recycling attended the meeting regarding the building plans tabled from the October meeting.

Perrot Park's request for Sand/Salt mix for the 2013/2014 winter season was discussed. A motion was made by David Prondzinski approving the request and that the Park be invoiced at the County Rate. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the cost of dog pickup in the Township. The Town will continue to bill the dog owners upon notification of pickup from the Humane Society.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn to the 2014 Budget Hearing; Dennis Bortle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The proposed 2014 budget was presented to those present. The Clerk/Treasurer reported that the levy figure had to be reduced by the exempt computer aid in the amount of \$105. Dennis Bortle questioned what exempt computer aid is. Sonja Byrne will provide the calculation and explanation to Dennis Bortle. Doug Winters expressed his concern about the \$2,500

in the budget for the Shirley Wright Library. Edey Hirner explained the library budget. The road monies were discussed and it was noted that there was still approximately \$114,000 remaining in the account. Doug Winters and Dennis Bortle had questions about how labor and maintenance are applied to the highway budget amount. A discussion was held regarding moving \$100,000 from the highway account to the 2014 budget, leaving approximately \$14,000 in the account for the remainder of 2013. David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:15 p.m.; Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Town Chairman then called to order the Special Town Meeting for the purpose of approving the tax levy and approving highway expenditures for 2014. There were 13 residents in attendance.

David Prondzinski moved to adopt the 2013 levy payable in 2014 in the amount of \$403,605.00; Dennis Bortle seconded. A paper ballot vote was taken. Chairman Farley explained a yes vote would approve the levy and a no vote would deny the levy amount. Doug Winters and Collin Hirner were appointed tellers. With 11 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstaining from voting the tax levy for 2014 was approved.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the expenditure of \$390,000.00 for highway purposes in the 2014 budget, Dennis Bortle seconded. A paper ballot vote was taken. Again a yes vote would approve the highway expenditures and a no vote would deny the amount. With 12 yes votes and 1 abstaining from voting the motion carried.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the special town meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Dennis Bortle seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Ken Farley called the regular meeting back into session. David Prondzinski moved to approve the 2014 Budget; Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the use of the recycling money received. David Prondzinski made a motion to deposit the recycling money into the Highway Equipment money market account for possible purchase of a new truck. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase limits on equipment for employees. David Prondzinski made a motion that employees be allowed to purchase needed equipment up to a cost of \$500 without prior board approval. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

Building. The Town received a bid for painting the banquet room, card room, hallway and office. A separate bid amount was also received for the club room. Sonja Byrne will contact Dan Lilly to see if the Curling Club is interested in having the club room painted. David Prondzinski moved to paint the banquet room, card room, hallway and office; Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting is set for December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to go into closed session to confer with legal counsel and consider employee benefits pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) and (g). The Board convened into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to reconvene into open session; Dennis Bortle seconded. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to approve all motions made in closed session; Dennis Bortle seconded and the motions carried.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Dennis Bortle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja A. Byrne
Clerk/Treasurer